

responsible, to which the *Times* draws attention, namely, the unrestricted and unpaid-for destruction caused by the growing traffic with immense loads of goods between railway and dock or between railway and railway, a traffic of mere passage or transfer, in which the metropolis has no special part or profit, and yet for which its ratepayers pay. The exaction of pretty heavy tolls on such traffic is recommended.

Mr. G. Bird, with reference to this says,—"If the London and North-Western Railway Company would only carry out the engagements entered into by them when they took the lease of the short line of railway called the West London, from Wormwood-scrubs to Kensington-basin, the whole of the heavy goods which now go rolling through our crowded streets might be taken in barges down the river to the docks or pool, ready to be shipped into vessels lying there, and at a much less charge than is now made by the carriers."

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

Cambridge.—The materials of houses to be removed to make way for the enlargement of the market are being sold. The old almshouses, called St. Anthony's and St. Eligius's, were sold for 30*l*. Eight other houses went for 425*l*. odd.

Reading.—It is intended to erect a covered market here.

Edinburgh.—The new national school here was opened on Michaelmas Day. The building was designed by Mr. Edmunds, of London. It is in the early English style of architecture, built of white stone. Mr. S. Goodwin, of Madritone, was the builder.

Ryde.—The new church at Haven-street was consecrated to St. Peter, on Saturday week. The church is built in the Early English style, from the design of Mr. Thomas Hellyer, of Ryde, architect, who has contributed a stained window for its adornment. The cost of the church has been defrayed by public subscriptions, and has been endowed by the Rev. Mr. Kent.

Southampton.—The plans for the new gaol have been approved of at last by Colonel Jebb, and sent up to the Secretary of State for his sanction. Mr. Holland, the contractor for laying down the pipes for the new waterworks, will shortly complete his engagement, and the water supply will then be poured into the town.

Winchester.—The drainage of this town is being spoken of as a necessity, and is recommended in the *Hampshire Advertiser*. Pipe drains, it is thought, would do almost everywhere.

Stow-on-the-Wold.—The Church of Lower Swell, near Stow-on-the-Wold, was re-opened on Wednesday week. The improvements consist in the addition of a north aisle and the restoration of the old Norman nave and chancel. The architect was Mr. Buckler, of Oxford, whose designs were executed by Mr. Fisher.

Burslem.—Trinity Church, Sneyd district, according to the *Stafford Advertiser*, was consecrated on Thursday week. The new church, which is of grey stone, presents a nave with two side aisles, a south porch, a tower at the north-west angle, and a chancel. It affords accommodation for 600 persons, including 100 children, who occupy a gallery at the west end. The style chosen by the architect is the Early English. The amount for which the building has been erected a little exceeds 2,000*l*. The nave consists of five bays, and is divided from the aisles by double chamfered arches, supported by alternately round and octagon piers. It is lighted by a clerestory of alternately quatrefoil and trefoil windows, while the aisles are lighted by a row of double trefoil-headed windows. The chancel has at its east end a three-light, trefoil-headed window, with detached shaft mullions, surmounted by an enriched head. On the south side there are two windows, and on the north one. The two easternmost of these are continued down, and formed into sedile for the officiating clergy. The whole of the roofs are of open timber work. The floor is occupied by open low-backed pews, with centre

and side aisles. The pulpit and font are of stone. A stone tablet, placed in the porch, commemorates the grant of 100*l*. from the fond obtained in remembrance of Sir Robert Peel. The exterior of the tower is divided into three stages. The tower will be surmounted by a spire 60 feet high, and will be of stone instead of tiles, as originally contemplated. The whole has been erected by Messrs. Holme, of Liverpool, contractors, from the design of Mr. Robinson, of Wolverhampton, architect. Mr. Ralph Hales was clerk of the works. The gifts towards the erection and fitting up of the edifice have been on a generous scale.

Walsall.—"Whitewash for Nothing."—Thus headed, a large-sized posting-bill has been freely circulated in Walsall by the Improvement Commissioners, who offer to give whitewash and lead brushes for its application to all persons who, at their yard, may request the same. A premium of 5*s*. to the most diligent user of the brushes so sent, as in the instance so successfully carried out at Glasgow, by the police inspector, might have been worth while; and doubtless it would be for the personal interest of the well-doing in this and other towns, to subscribe a few five-shilling premiums for such a purpose.

Stalybridge.—The consecration of Castle Hall Church, Stalybridge, took place on Saturday fortnight, by the Bishop of Chester. The foundation-stone was laid on 21st April, 1851. The church, which is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, is built of stone, in the Perpendicular style of Gothic architecture, and consists of a nave and two side aisles, with a chancel at the east end, a tower at the west end, and a porch on the north side. Externally the aisles are divided into six bays, each bay containing a three-light pointed window of Perpendicular character, a buttress of three stages in height being placed between each window. The clerestory contains six two-light windows, with flat-pointed heads. The chancel, rising nearly as high as the nave, is of the same width, and is divided into two bays, each bay containing a pointed window of two lights. The east end is occupied by a large window of five lights. All the roofs are of a flat pitch, and slated; the chancel, clerestory, and aisles being coped with a plain parapet of ashlar. The tower, which is 70 or 80 feet high, consists of three stages in height, angle buttresses being placed at each corner and carried up to the top, where they terminate by large crocketed pinnacles. Internally the church is also divided into six bays, the nave being separated from the two side aisles by six pointed arches upon each side, supported upon five octagonal stone pillars. The chancel, which is a continuation of the nave, but not so lofty, is divided therefrom by a moulded archway, the floor being slightly raised. The large window in the chancel is enriched with stained glass. The roofs are open timbered, and, together with the pewing, are stained of a dark colour, to imitate oak. At the west end a gallery is erected for children. The church is calculated to accommodate 800 persons, and is 70 feet long by 50 feet in width. The chancel is 30 feet in length by 20 feet in width. The churchyard is enclosed by a plain iron railing. The architect is Mr. E. H. Shellard, of Manchester, and the contractors, Messrs. Eaton and Hollis.

Birkenhead.—Messrs. Brassey and M'Comick have entered into a contract with the trustees of the Birkenhead docks, for the completion of the whole of the outer works of this great undertaking. The contract has been signed, and the works, which have been so long in abeyance, will be immediately resumed.

Liverpool.—At a recent meeting of the town council, a number of propositions were submitted for improving the town by the enlargement of streets through which there is great traffic, and for making others for better entrances to the heart of the town, and improving its sanitary condition.—Plans and specifications have been prepared for the construction of a new reservoir at Kensington, to contain 91 millions of gallons, to cost 25,390*l*. and to be constructed by Mr. Thompson, who formed the first reservoir there. Both reservoirs would thus contain 18 millions of gallons. The

estimate includes, also, the covering of both reservoirs, which would protect the water from vegetation, and reduce the cost of cleaning, it is said, from 250*l*. to 100*l*. a year.

Salford.—A new and enlarged building is to be erected for the Salford Athenaeum and Temperance Hall.

Darwen.—The Darwen waterworks are drawing towards completion. The contractor, Mr. J. Isherwood, is now laying the pipes in market-street.—The Messrs. Walsh, spinners, &c. Darwen, have erected a new chimney contiguous to the Orchard Mill. It is between 60 and 70 yards in height.

Bradford.—The foundation stone of the Richmond-terrace Wesleyan chapel, schools, &c. was laid on Tuesday week, in Norcroft-place, Great Horton-road. The new building will be of the Italian style. Stone will be the material used. The internal dimensions will be 47 feet by 72 feet, and with galleries round three sides, accommodation will be provided for about 1,100 persons. The school premises attached will include, on the ground-floor, an infants' class-room, 20 feet by 12 feet, and an infants' school-room, 19 feet by 62 feet, over another school-room, 75 feet by 19 feet, with two class-rooms attached, each 20 feet by 12 feet. The master's house will be in the rear, and will include kitchen, parlour, scullery, three bed-rooms, &c. The various rooms will be constructed according to the requirements of the Committee of Council on Education. The total cost will be about 2,000*l*. The architects are Messrs. Malinsson and Healey, of Bradford.

Jersey.—The markets' committee on Thursday last took into consideration three plans submitted to them for the covering of the Potato-market, prepared, at the committee's request, by Mr. Edmond Le Gallais, C.E. They unanimously resolved to adopt the one of which the cost was estimated at 1,050*l*, and appointed Mr. Judge Le Gallais and the constables of St. Helier and St. Saviour, as a sub-committee, to carry it into execution.—*Jersey Times*.

BUILDERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

THE anniversary dinner of this society was held, on the 14th instant, at the London Tavern, with a result highly gratifying to all interested in its prosperity. About 210 gentlemen were present, and the amount of subscriptions and donations announced in the room was upwards of 700*l*. The chair was occupied by the President of the society, Mr. S. M. Peto, M.P.; and of the large sum subscribed on this occasion, the most remarkable item was the liberal gift by that gentleman of 200 guineas, in addition to an annual subscription of 25*l*. We need hardly say that the announcement of this munificent donation was received with enthusiasm, and it will doubtless materially tend to promote the well-doing of this valuable institution.

Among other well-known members of the trade, the following were present at the dinner; Mr. Griesell, Mr. T. Puer, jun. Messrs. George, Joseph, and Stephen Bird, Mr. W. Lee, Mr. Myers, Mr. G. Spencer Smith, Mr. Locke, Mr. Nesham, Mr. J. Soward, jun. Mr. T. Cosens, Mr. T. Stirling, Mr. Norris, &c.; with Mr. H. E. Kendall, jun. Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Tyerman, Mr. Simmonds, Mr. G. Godwin, &c. architects.

In proposing the health of the Queen, the Chairman trusted it would not be regarded as any imputation on his loyalty, that, in order to preside at that festival, he, as chairman of the Chester and Holyhead Railway Company, had declined a summons from his friend Mr. Robert Stephenson, to meet her Majesty that morning at the Britannia Tubular Bridge.

In giving "Prosperity to the Builders' Benevolent Institution," the Chairman said, that, being surrounded by practical men, he might be excused if, in the first place, he entered into some details of its progress and position. The society was established in 1847, and at the present time ten males and five females received its benefits as pensioners. He regretted to add, that at the last election, in May 1851, there were thirteen unsuccessful candidates, and others had since applied. The